

Meritorious Award for Civilian Service, and he also received a commendation certificate for 38 years of devoted service to the United States government; and

Whereas, throughout his life, William Andrew Cannon was an inspiration to all the lives he touched through his courageous patriotic leadership, his ethics and integrity, his congenial nature, his constructive attitude, dedication to his country, and his forthright manner made a positive impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him; and

Whereas, the passion, dedication, intelligence, patriotism, and social consciousness William Andrew Cannon brought to this great country will never be forgotten, and his influence will continue; and

Whereas, the passing of William Andrew Cannon on February 28, 2002, has left a void that cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth;

Be it resolved by the U.S. House of Representatives:

SECTION 1.—The House of Representatives does hereby express its profound sense of sorrow upon the passing of William Andrew Cannon, and extends to his family and many friends its most heartfelt sympathy.

SECTION 2.—When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in loving memory and honor of William Andrew Cannon.

SECTION 3.—The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Mrs. Lucy de Forcade de Biaix Cannon, 702 Jefferson Street, Booneville, Mississippi 38829; Ms. Tina Jennie Cannon, 702 Jefferson Street, Booneville, Mississippi 38829; and Mr. Fred Cannon, BMI, 320 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.

#### GEORGE AND PAULINE "DIMPLES" MURILLO CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to announce to you and to the rest of my esteemed colleagues, that on March 22, 2002, George and Pauline "Dimples" Murillo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. I would like to join their friends and loving family in extending my most sincere congratulations.

The Murillos have devoted fifty years to each other, to their families, to their communities, and to the service of our nation. Their marriage is a true achievement.

George Murillo was born to Emilio and Vivian Murillo on July 20, 1931, in San Bernardino, California. Just a few miles away on the San Manuel Indian Reservation, Pauline was born to Martha Manuel Chacon and Pablo Ormego on February 3, 1934. The two met and later married on March 22, 1952, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in San Bernardino in a ceremony performed by Father Domas.

George served his country in the United States Army with active duty status from 1952 to 1954. He was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska and spent six years in the Reserves receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1960.

The Murillos are a hard working American family. George went on to work for the Santa Fe Railroad for 12 years and then for Kaiser Steel in Fontana for another 18 years. He re-

tired in 1983, but continued to work at the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino from 1986 to 1993. Pauline "Dimples" worked as a homemaker. She raised their three children in their house on Vine Street in Highland, California, where the couple lived from 1954 until recently.

Pauline "Dimples," an active member of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, has devoted herself to educating her community about the Native American Culture, identity and tradition. She travels to various public schools and colleges in the area to teach students about her culture. She practices traditional Native American crafts making Indian cradle dolls and other arts and crafts, which she sells at Indian Pow-Wows.

The Murillos have served their community in numerous organizations. Pauline "Dimples" is a member of the Highland Women's Club, and both she and George are members of the Highland Senior Center providing services for the area senior citizens. The couple has made many personal contributions to this organization and to their community over the years.

The Murillos' legacy is certainly their family. The couple has been blessed with a loving family including Pauline "Dimples" siblings Raul "Beanie" Chacon, Jr., Roy Chacon, Carla Chacon, Rowena Ramos, and Sandra Marquez, and by George's siblings, Rosie Manzano and Emily Barajas. I am joined in congratulating the Murillo's by their own children, Lynn "Nay" Valbuena, Audrey "Audie" Martinez, and George "Boy" Murillo, and their grandchildren, Rich LeRoy, Sabrina Nakhjavanpour, Robert V. Martinez III, Sheena Martinez, and Dillon, Skye and Zeny Murillo. The Murillo's are also blessed with seven great-grandchildren, Cody and Chloe Nakhjavanpour, Selina Martinez, Robert V. Martinez IV, and Jasmine, Jaylene and Alfonso Martinez.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of California, I extend our sincere congratulations to George and Pauline "Dimples" Murillo.

#### FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAMS—A SERVICE FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES

##### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs, which provide a vital link between farmers and communities in need of fresh, locally grown produce.

These programs help our small farmers sell their fresh produce, while improving access to nutritious food for seniors and low-income women and children. They play an important role in my district and in the state of Michigan. We have small produce farmers who struggle to make ends meet because they don't have enough steady customers for their products. They lose profits to the wholesalers who market their products when they cannot sell directly to their customers.

Additionally, many communities and urban areas lack grocery stores with adequate produce, which makes it hard for new mothers to provide a balanced diet for their children.

Without access to transportation, many senior citizens and low-income residents are forced to settle for less nutritious options.

The WIC and Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs bring farmers and residents together in a way that helps everyone. Program participants receive coupons to be used to purchase locally grown produce. Our small farmers stay in business, and our elderly and low-income children stay healthy.

Instead of cutting these programs, we need to find ways to improve access to fresh, nutritious foods for those who need them most. Innovative pilot programs in my home state are creating new outlets for farmers to sell their produce. Several farmers' markets have been organized at senior housing facilities. These programs eliminate the transportation barrier that prevents so many elderly people from having fresh fruits and vegetables. These and other vital programs will end without continued federal funding.

The farm bill will provide over \$70 billion in funding to the farmers who feed this country. I urge my colleagues on the conference committee to work together and find a way to fund the WIC and Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition programs to at least \$15 million each.

#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

##### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Greek Independence Day. Greece and America have remained allies since America aided Greece in its struggle for independence 180 years ago.

Americans have celebrated our connection with Greece throughout our history. Because of the many contributions from Greece and Greek-Americans, President George W. Bush declared March 25th Greek Independence Day.

Our nations share a strong common belief in democracy. The ideologies of ancient Greeks became the backbone of our Declaration of Independence. And, in turn, our beliefs were displayed in their declaration of freedom from the Ottoman Empire.

Greek culture has given us more than our form of government. Buildings and memorials in Washington, D.C., and around the country, including the Capitol building and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, are modeled on the Greeks' own exceptional architecture. In addition, our culture has been shaped by ancient Greek philosophy and their approach to science.

In recent history Greece has been 1 of only 3 nations that have allied with the United States in every major international conflict. During World War II, 600,000 Greeks gave their lives in the fight for freedom. For more than 50 years, Greeks and Americans have had the privilege of working together in NATO.

Greek-Americans have made many contributions in American communities. Greek-Americans commonly establish communities to maintain awareness of their cultural heritage, provide opportunities for social interaction, while preserving Greek language and traditions for future generations. Additionally, the